

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0546

Title: Increase incarceration period for failure to provide child support

Primary Sponsor: Wagman, P

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There will be no fiscal impact in the 2005 biennium because the bill increases prison terms from two years to 10 years.
2. Over the last four years, DOC records indicate a total of 19 felony convictions under 45-5-621, MCA. One person was sentenced to prison, 10 received deferred sentences and eight received suspended sentences.

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

1. This legislation will have a long-range impact to the Department of Corrections in that it will probably cause at least one offender over the next few years to be sentenced to prison under this statute for a longer period of time than if this bill were not passed.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. New Section 1 of this bill deals with the scheduling of cases in the District Courts. The language given does not specify what kinds of cases the actions covered in this bill must be given priority over, just that they be given priority. Court scheduling is extremely complicated and is more difficult in multi-county judicial districts where one judge may cover courts in as many as four different counties.